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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 19-28 and 32-34.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-40 (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) A method for generating an aerosol, comprising:

supplying liquid to a flow passage having an outlet;

heating the liquid in the flow passage so as to form a volatilized liquid which passes out of the outlet;

admixing the volatilized liquid with air in an aerosol confinement sleeve located at the outlet of the flow passage so as to form an aerosol; and

mixing the aerosol with entrainment air at a location outside of the aerosol confinement sleeve and within a mouthpiece, wherein the mouthpiece includes at least one air inlet through which the entrainment air enters the mouthpiece.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein the aerosol is a condensation aerosol having an MMAD (mass median aerosol diameter) of about 0.2 to 0.5 μm or about 1 to 2 μm .

43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein the aerosol confinement sleeve has a length effective to form an aerosol with a MMAD (mass median aerosol diameter) of about 0.2 to 0.5 μm or about 1 to 2 μm .

44. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein the aerosol confinement sleeve has a length of about 6 mm to 100 mm or about 3 mm to 50 mm.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 43, wherein the aerosol confinement sleeve has a transverse dimension within the interior of the aerosol confinement sleeve effective to form an aerosol with a MMAD (mass median aerosol diameter) of about 0.2 to 0.5 μm or about 1 to 2 μm .

46. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 45, wherein the aerosol confinement sleeve has an inner diameter about 3 to 50 times larger than the width of the flow passage.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein the aerosol confinement sleeve has a transverse dimension within the interior of the aerosol confinement sleeve of about 6 mm to 50 mm or about 3 mm to 12 mm.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein the aerosol confinement sleeve comprises a cylindrical tube.